

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered September 20, 2010.

(Deleted material is struck through and new material is underscored.)

Effective immediately, Supreme Court Rule 345 is amended as follows.

Amended Rule 345

Rule 345. Briefs Amicus Curiae

(a) Leave or Request of Court Necessary. A brief *amicus curiae* may be filed only by leave of the court or of a judge thereof, or at the request of the court. A motion for leave must be accompanied by the proposed brief and shall state the interest of the applicant and explain how an *amicus* brief will assist the court.

(b) Forms; Conditions; Time. A brief of an *amicus curiae* shall follow the form prescribed for the brief of an appellee, shall identify the *amicus* as such on the cover of the brief, and shall conform to any conditions imposed by the court. Unless the court or a judge thereof specifies otherwise, it shall be filed on or before the due date of the initial brief of the party whose position it supports. The color of the cover shall be the same as that of the party's brief whose position it supports.

(c) Oral Argument. *Amicus curiae* will not be allowed to argue orally.

Amended February 19, 1982, effective April 1, 1982; amended May 28, 1982, effective July 1, 1982; amended December 17, 1993, effective February 1, 1994, amended December 6, 2005, effective immediately; amended September 20, 2010, effective immediately.